

The *work* of lecturing in high school chemistry

Abstract

Lecturing is an important aspect of the culture of science education. Perhaps because of the negative associations constructivist educators make with lecturing, little research has been done concerning the generally invisible aspects of the (embodied, lived) *work* that is required. Traditional research on science lectures focuses on ideas and (mental) concepts that somehow are “gotten across”; and it is interested in identifying verbal content and visual representations science teachers provide. The purpose of this study is to explicitly describe and theorize the *living* work of lecturing that produces in a societal arena everything from which students can learn. We use two case studies from the chemistry lectures in a tenth-grade Singapore classroom to exemplify the central role of the performative aspects of lecturing. We articulate and exemplify assertions that (a) corporeal performances differentiate and coordinate the contents of lecturing with its pitch, rhythm, and speech volume, and thereby orient students to specific discourse features of chemistry; and (b) corporeal performances differentiate and coordinate layers of talk with prosody, gestures, and body orientation, and thereby provide students with analogies. We conclude that what is visible in lectures (e.g., scientific discourse, analogies) is always the outcome of the (generally unattended to) corporeal labor including gestures, body orientation, and prosodic features (e.g., shifts in pitch) and that this outcome|labor pair constitutes an appropriate unit of understanding lecturing as societal phenomenon.

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Introduction

Lecturing is an important aspect of the culture of science education. Lectures are a common feature in secondary and higher education settings, which suggests that there is something to them that other communicative means – books, the Internet – cannot provide (Friesen 2011). In science education, lectures may actually constitute events in which scientific concepts and thinking come to be performed in the presence of the audience rather than presenting and transmitting concepts as ready-made objects (Roth and Friesen in press). They may thereby assist students in seeing and hearing science concepts in action much like a theater audience witness a drama to play out. But precisely because of their performative aspects, lectures may present concepts with errors, confuse the audience, and render science learning more complex: The narratives lectures provide with graphs may actually contradict the latter (Roth and Bowen 1999a); and the gestures they perform may be temporally shifted with respect to the things in the graph they denote (Roth and Bowen 1999b). In addition to the performance itself, the work of lecturing mobilizes a variety of different but coordinated communicative resources (e.g., “representations”). More recently, the advent of various communication technologies made possible in lecture talk the mobilization of diverse forms of inscriptions (e.g., graphics, movies, and computer simulations). Those resources have transformed lectures from mere “chalk and talk” into multi-modal presentations (Knoblauch 2008) and also have diversified the way by means of which lectures are delivered to the audience. Students not only attend traditional face-to-face lectures in science classroom but also watch online audio/video lectures through various

technological means. These changes to modern media did not weaken the status of lectures in the school curriculum but increased the bridging role of lectures between verbal communication and technological media (Friesen 2011).

Despite its prevalence, lecturing is one of the less studied areas in science education research. Our recent search of four science education journals in ISI Web of Science (i.e., *International Journal of Science Education*, *Journal of Research in Science Teaching*, *Research in Science Education*, *Science Education*) shows only 17 research papers published under the topic of “lectures” over the past five years (as of data retrieved on August 8, 2012). Of greater concern than the paucity of studies is the tendency to think about lectures only in terms of their contents that they provide: words and chalkboard inscriptions and the concepts these are said to denote. This tendency is also observable when lectures are thought in terms of presentation slides and media. But if a lecture were only that then what lecturers do would be no more than what they do with a book, text accompanied by images. This raises questions: What more is there to lectures that (perhaps) contributes to their popularity among educators at all levels? What is it that lectures offer over and above verbal content and visual inscriptions on the chalkboard, overhead projector, whiteboard, and the likes? Whereas quite a number of science education studies propose forms of teaching other than lectures and report their effectiveness, it is rare to find studies that explicate what makes lectures *more* than words plus inscriptions. The purpose of this paper is thus to investigate the *performative* dimensions of lecturing science (here chemistry). This work tends to be taken for granted and invisible but contributes to the production of this “more” that can be had in lectures but is unavailable in reading a science textbook.

Lecturing: making its work visible

A study of computer scientists’ design work in front of a whiteboard already articulated what the recording medium itself, equivalent to the chalkboard in a lecture, provides. Thus, the board (a) “is a medium for the construction of conceptual objects,” (b) “structures mutual orientation to a shared space,” (c) organizes talk and writing in a systematic fashion, (d) leads to an arrangement of marks with conceptual ordering between items and a sequential order of their production, (e) constitutes a record of the event, (f) “is a setting for the production and resolution of . . . dilemmas,” and (g) “is embedded in a network of activities” (Suchman 1990, p. 315–317). What this impressive list does not articulate is the *nature* of the activities, their performative aspects, or the structure of the *work* done by the participating scientists on and next to the board.

In this study we are interested in realizing the proposal of “making work visible” (Suchman 1995) to articulate the *work* of lecturing traditionally considered non-rationalizable, contingent, and embodied and therefore idiosyncratic. Following a conceptualization of the structure of practical action, we understand the phenomenon of lecturing in terms of a couplet (Garfinkel and Sacks 1986) denoted by {doing [lecturing chemistry]}. Here, “‘doing’ designates the work for which the notational particulars,” in our study lecturing chemistry, “are its accountable texts” (p. 173). That is, “lecturing chemistry” is a gloss of the events seen on our videotapes; and such a gloss is enabled by certain visual and audible properties of the events. We use the term “gloss” to denote what a knowledgeable person might say when, after opening the door to a presumably unoccupied classroom, she turns around and says “there is a chemistry lecture in there.” What such glosses do not describe, however, are the performances themselves. Saying “there is a chemistry lecture in there” does not tell us *in what* the performance exists, what the participants do to make whatever is happening inside the classroom recognizably a *chemistry lecture* rather than some other social event. One study, which we emulate here in its method and style, did in

speaker contingently coping up with incidences in speaking of, pointing out, and orienting toward some aspects of the world. Garfinkel's text in the case of an interruption has become a tutorial for us to find lecturing's work as he suggests that his article consists of a collection of tutorial problems. We understand the text of the findings reported below in the same way, as a tutorial for learning to locate specific phenomena. We return to the idea of the tutorial below.

The emphasis of the performative aspects of social facts, such as getting the lecturing's activity done, highlights the role of the body engaged in contingently speaking of, pointing out, and orienting toward the world. In doing so, the lecturer's body constitutes the expression of the order of the world that it elaborates—“[t]hought is no internal thing, and does not exist independently of the world and of words” (Merleau-Ponty 1945/1962, p. 213). The study of the orderliness of lecturing brings up the role of the body in indexicality.

Recent educational research on physics lectures provides observations of how a physics professor gets his teaching of scientific concepts done in the public talk (e.g., Roth 2009). These studies analyze the performative aspects (rather than results) of the work of <articulating a theory>, <framing a subject matter>, and <theorizing a phenomenon> (see Table 1). In these studies, the lecturer's production of sound words, gestures, body positions, body movements, and prosody, which also includes “hesitations, stumbles, mumbles, unfinished sentences, and changes in content and structure” (p. 297), constitutes multiple and incarnate expressions of higher-order communicative unit (i.e., physics concepts). Those studies thereby show the interwoven nature of the body and the world that it inhabits and express in talking physics concepts (Roth 2012b). The findings are also consistent with previous linguistic studies of talking science, which shows that scientists narrate scientific stories and make their way in graphic spaces through multimodal and hybridized discourses (Ochs et al. 1994). For example, when scientists talk about physical events in the presence of visual representations, they produce gestures in direction of the visuals on the board and linguistic expressions that blend physicists and physical worlds (Ochs et al. 1996). Performances interweave the speaking subject (the living body) and the object of thought (the world) in the space of communication that is created simultaneously. In lectures and technology-mediated talk, knowing comes to life much like a drama and emotions come to life in the theater: originally presented in and through bodily performances rather than re-presented by the contents of presentation slides and other audiovisual media.

A very different perspective of the “more” of lectures thus appears when we consider their performative dimensions: The work of lecturing is in the dynamic translation of thinking to communication and again from the latter to the former (Roth, 2010)—lecturing is thinking with hands, eyes, body, and signs (Poizzer-Ardenghi and Roth 2010). In lectures, thought is known through the bodily performance in and for communication (e.g., speech, pointing). Those performances have the potential to bring about a way of perceiving the world differently than before and this changed experience subsequently affects the thought again. Whereas traditional research on lectures focuses on ideas and (mental) concepts that somehow are thought to be “gotten across,” materialist approaches are different as they insist all higher psychological functions to exist as societal-material relations. Thus, Vygotsky (1989) proposes that “everything that is internal in higher functions was necessarily once external” (p. 56) and that “external . . . means that it was social” (p. 56). Here, the materiality of the societal relation established in and as lecture as well as the performative aspects of communication are at the heart of society-specific activities. Turning Vygotsky's statement around we might say that if students learn

anything at all in a chemistry lecture, it has to be a societal relation that subsequently manifests itself as higher-order psychological function on the part of the student.

We emphasize the particular temporal dimensions of lectures. Thus, concepts are not merely gotten across. They do not just suddenly exist out there in the air, as packages to be moved from lecturer to student. Concepts, thought of as a theatrical performance, have some beginning point (like a fertilized egg) and subsequently grow as the lecture moves on (Poizzer-Ardenghi and Roth, in press). The work (labor) of lecturing chemistry consists of the procedure of weaving a societal-material terrain within which some of its constituents such as sound-words, inscriptions, and discursive features of science make *metonymic* relation to the remaining whole. The “more” of lectures arises from the synergistic effect of this whole network of which the constitutive part represents the whole only one-sidedly (i.e., metonymy).

In what follows, we provide the ethnographic background of data sources and our analytic methods for specifying some of the dynamics of chemistry lecture performances. Then we exemplify our approach and findings in two empirical case examples: First, the corporeal performance differentiates and coordinates the contents of lecture talk with the shift of pitch, rhythm, and volume of speech, and thereby orients students to discourse features of chemistry. Second, the corporeal performance differentiates and coordinates different layers of analogies with prosody, gestures, and body orientation, and thereby provides students with analogies. The two cases each specify and exemplify the work required for teaching discourse features of chemistry in the former and letting the analogous thinking go on in the case of the latter.

Research context

The purpose of this research is to investigate the work of lecturing that produces, in the social setting, resources for communicating higher-order science concepts. In this study, we analyze empirical data materials collected in a chemistry classroom and examine the analyzability and accountability of lecturing performances. Like studies of mathematicians’ lived work of proving mathematical theorems (Livingston 1986) or lecturing (Greiffenhagen in press), which also inspired our study, we investigate the lived work of lecturing chemistry concepts and present the possibility of the pedagogy that articulates lived work of lecturing.

Ethnographic context

As part of a research project investigating the living procedure of communication and literacy in teaching and learning science, we observed and videotaped a series of chemistry lessons in a 10th grade science classroom in Singapore. The research team worked with a chemistry teacher and one of the classes she taught. In accordance with the research focus on the classroom communication and its performative dimensions, we collaborated with the teacher to plan and carry out chemistry lessons following the school curriculum and academic schedule. The teacher organized her lessons to the lecture-style teaching combined with her competent use of classroom resources (computer, projector, visualizer, and screen). At the time of her joining this study (February 2010) the chemistry teacher had more than ten years of experience of teaching secondary science in public schools in Singapore. During the one-month data collection she taught a class of forty students twice per week and for an hour each. *Metals* constituted the unit of study and included topics such as physical and chemical properties of metals, alloy, reactivity series, rusting, different extraction methods, and extraction of iron. We observed seven lessons in total: one was held in a chemistry laboratory and the others in the students’ classroom. In her lectures she frequently used the whiteboard and occasionally a visualizer to show visual

graphics in the textbook (e.g., periodic table) or worksheets (e.g., chemistry problems) and a data projector to play video clips from a computer. In this paper, we selected episodes from one lesson focused on the reaction of metals to exemplify the work of lecturing higher-order chemistry concepts. Although we draw our exemplary case materials from one classroom and its teacher and one particular lesson, our results are not limited to her and her class. This is because our analysis is focused on specifying and articulating generalized features of what is being done in the situation, which lets us call what we are observing a science (chemistry) lecture. We analyze all performative features that a lecturer produces in communication and identify interactional resources transcending the individual and that are inherently cultural-historical and ideological. (See subsection on the tutorial.)

Creating data sources

To create data sources, we set up a pair of video cameras and taped visual and sound information the teacher made available in her talk to the students. The primary camera was placed at the backside of the classroom to follow the teacher moving about in the classroom while talking to her students (see Figure 1). The other camera functioned as a backup. It was set up at the front end of the classroom near the teacher and the whiteboard; and it was oriented towards students. This allowed us to record students while questioning and answering to the teacher. We used a wireless microphone for the main camcorder (located at the back) to get a clearer recording of the teacher talk as she moved about the classroom as a whole. During the transcription of the data the two camcorders supplied two independent audio tracks of the same classroom conversation and this helped filling up any loss of audibility that happened in one of the two. Part-time and full-time research assistants participated in creating, organizing, and transcribing the data sources. The lessons were filmed in digital 6mm tapes and exported to *mov* format with an accuracy of 40 milliseconds (25 frames/second) at the image level for the subsequent analysis. Audio data was extracted to *aif* format for the detailed analysis of speech. The speech was initially transcribed in *verbatim* fashions using conversation-analytic conventions; the soundtrack was analyzed with the PRAAT software designed for linguists to analyze speech intensity, pitch, speech rates, and pauses.

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Data analysis

We combine traditional studies of conceptual content with the analysis of embodied knowing and learning that we have been doing in the previous studies (e.g., Hwang and Roth 2011). In chemistry lessons, chemical discourse consists of different types of signs including words/language, formulas, and models, which have been established and developed at the cultural-historical level over a long period of time (Roth and Friesen in press). For example, H₂O and “water” were initially two things and correlated to a *concept* arbitrarily. The two denote the same thing and therefore are synonymous in some ways but not in another because the former co-articulates the chemical composition and structure of the latter. It is only in the 19th century—after the success of decomposing water by electrolysis—that scientists came to correlate water to a combination of hydrogen (H) and oxygen (O), the two elements that had been already known but not yet related to water. In chemistry lessons, this arbitrary correlation has to be made available to individual students who at their levels of development may encounter the formula H₂O as an alien expression that is seeable and hearable mainly in chemistry lectures.

In this case, the analysis would be focused on the work of linking the two, that is, what is being done (bodily performances) in lectures to bring two forms of representations together. Therefore, in this paper, we analyze multiple modalities of the bodily expression and the bodily work of making cohere those multiple forms in which signs appear materially.

In our intensive data analyses, the two authors reviewed data sources individually and collectively. We went through the whole data sources until we identified a set of episodes that featured different instances of lecturing and lecture performances—because of space limitations, we present only some of them in this manuscript. We watched the videos while repeatedly stopping, playing, and replaying images frame-by-frame in order to articulate what constitutes visible aspect of lecture talk among interaction participants and what observable communication resources make this possible. We developed our descriptions of lecture events to the microgenetic level at which participants express themselves and perceive things by orienting their bodies, gazing, gesturing, and moving hands/bodies—i.e., “[t]hought and expression, then, are simultaneously constituted” (Merleau-Ponty 1945). The motive for this in-depth analysis is to articulate the real work of lecturing, which is more than a prescription of teaching method that is like a recipe in a cookbook but not equivalent to the work itself. That is, this study specifies the work of lecturing that is not usually specified in method books and courses on teaching chemistry.

The tutorial

In the introductory section, we point to the role of the tutorial in writing a text that makes us attend to, recognize, talk about, and teach others the *performative* dimensions of social facts. To describe and explicate the nature of a “tutorial,” we provide the following example (Roth 2013). Around 2002, one of the authors (Roth) worked with Ken Tobin on a research project in Philadelphia. While driving to the university, Roth talks to Tobin about the listener’s contribution to the interactional achievement of conversations, including head nods, body movements, rhythmic gestures, and so on. When the two enter the building, they pass a location where students gathered to talk and work. Roth talks to Tobin, who had been unaware of this phenomenon before, pointing out features that allow the listener’s communicative contributions to be recognized. In the same building, the two come across other collections of people in conversation, and now Tobin points to the contributions of the listeners to the joint achievement of conversations. Later, Tobin makes similar remarks in very different social situations away from the university. Whatever Roth had done and said, it was sufficient for Tobin to identify a particular type of collective work. There were no special methods articulated: just how and what humans do in every *this* situation to pull a *conversation* of. We understand the text in the next section in the same way. Whatever we describe and explicate, such as ⟨Orienting students to discourse feature⟩, our text is to be a tutorial to identify the work required in the collective achievement of the bracketed social fact. Whereas existing research can be understood in the same way, such research also identifies specific research methods that are required for isolating the social fact. Here, as in the Tobin-Roth example, only our everyday “indigenous” methods themselves are required rather than special methods specific to the research enterprise.

The work of lecturing: case studies

The talk in lecturing chemistry consists not only of words but also of a variety of embodied acts. This talk has a double function: First, it constitutes the means of providing new contents of science and second, it constitutes the terrain of communication in which the new contents mark

language, we use quotation marks or deictic terms such as *this* or *that* to point to a feature of language. We are able to mean “*this*” word or to say he said “*this*,” whereby quotation marks are used to make the word to stand apart as being something different. The analysis of lecturing here is about the bodily resources deployed to make it recognizable so that the speech is about features of the speech itself. What is the form in which this quoting is enacted when there are no “air quotes,” which are actually quotation marks taken over from the written language and presented in the form of the index and middle fingers of the two hands drawing ephemeral quotation marks in the air? How does the intonation change so that we recognize which word is highlighted, what a teacher has to say, and what she does not have to say?

First, there is a shift of the agent in this lecture discourse. Previously there was a contrast between the observer, describing person (“I say. . .” in line 01) versus the nature as agent (“What is happening now” in lines 04–05). Thereby a statement of observation was given: zinc is more reactive. Then the discourse comes back to the observer in uttering “we say” (line 10) and “zinc displaces” (lines 10–11). So her work is to lay out and structure the discourse into a part that nature plays, the voice of nature, and another part that the observer plays, the voice of the person. Then there comes a reflexive orientation. She already has laid out nature and observer; and then she orients students explicitly to the discursive feature: “Look at the word I use” (line 14).

Second, she corporeally points to parts of the discourse in the previous levels. The space between the two hands (see the drawing in line 13) develops into one in which discursive features are reflexively oriented. When she turns towards the students, the movements of her two hands (index fingers) produce an iconic gesture resembling “quotation marks.” This constitutes a work by means of which certain words stand out. This “air quotes” with index fingers up diminishes to “folded hands” when the contents of the speech change from the word “displace” to other words (i.e., take over, replace, overtake).

Third, she utters “Look at the word I use” and she formulates and then points to a part of the discourse, using in part language “Look” and “at the word I use,” and then she does additional pointing using prosody—“displace” (nature) is differentiated from the previous marker “I use I say” (describing person) by its prosody (jumping pitch from lower to higher) and intensity, and thereby stands out. Then, the differentiation between nature and the describing person continues to be performed prosodically. Whereas the prosodies of “I cannot say” are rather flat and repeated three times, the utterances of “take over,” “replace,” and “overtake” are made at and across higher or lower levels (lines 15–18).

Fourth, the same features we have identified earlier are also happening here. There are shifts in loudness and speed and pitch that together set the quotation apart. In the current situation, the chemistry teacher says, “I cannot say ‘replace’” (line 17). Of course she says it; but she says that she cannot say it in another discourse. In fact, then, she is quoting this other discourse, or rather, its inverse, which is the reverse of what she is saying above, where she is quoting herself, “I say.” So the case exemplifies multi-layered communication that is occurring and the means of coordinating and differentiating, including the Bakhtinian strategy of direct and indirect speech—utterance takes different forms of direct, indirect, and quasi-direct speech (Vološinov/Bakhtin 1973). Gesture is one of the many means that might be performed to set direct and indirect speech apart from the reporting context (Roth in press). Such gestures are themselves context-dependent so that they have more indexical quality when they are made in reference to an inscription (i.e., in “inscription space”) than when they are made in reference to something else not immediately present in the lesson (i.e., “narrative space”) (Roth and Lawless 2002). We observe precisely the same in this chemistry class: When the teacher is in inscription

relations, then these relations are actually there because of the labor that goes into producing, showing, and exhibiting the relation between the two. This is what we see here in this example. If the lecture does not produce this relation, students are simply presented with two phenomena—one considered analogous to another—and do not see the analogy (e.g., Roth and Duit 2003). So in this example the chemistry teacher actually does a lot of work; and we describe this work by means of which one thing becomes analogous to another. The relation is physically and literally *there*, where it can be pointed to, because it is performed in words and with the body. The presence of the taken-for-granted work of «providing an analogy» becomes visible if we consider a case in which there are interruptions (e.g., arising from the collective work of sleeping (students) and noticing sleeping or coming late and noticing an instant of coming late to the lecture [Garfinkel 2002]) and to the collaborative work of seeing an obstacle, stopping lecturing, fixing the obstacle, seeing the removal of the obstacle, and continuing the lecture. In these situations of breakdown, the lecture would not unfold without the actual work that gets the lecture back on track to produce the phenomenon as a whole—getting the lecture back on track is integral to the work of lecturing. This is so because the teacher needs to actively attend to bringing lectures back into the normal or the context in the normal mode. Analogies cannot be immediately given to students without considerations of the work that the teacher has to do to show how this is like that. This showing is performance.

Conclusions: toward a dialectic theory of lecturing

The purpose of this study is to investigate the work of lecturing, which is usually taken for granted but in fact contributes to the production of the “what more” of a lecture over a book. Our thorough analysis of the two case examples shows that chemistry lectures make available discursive features of chemistry and analogies through the multiple layers of corporeal performances. Representational resources (e.g., words, chemical equations on the board) do not provide higher-order thinking by themselves but obtain their accountability by becoming part of the performance. Just as we can see hate, love, and jealousy on the theatrical stage, we can see chemical thinking occur in the lecturing performance on the classroom stage. Thus, in those examples, the knowledgeability of the reactivity of metals would refer to competent participation (e.g., seeing/hearing) in the communication that realizes this higher-order thinking with rhythm and pace, sound and melody, speech volume, gestures, and the interlacing of these features. This study shows that the consideration of bodily, performative dimensions of lectures has great potential for the study of everyday, social origins of higher-order thinking (e.g., analogy) and associated, pedagogical principles of lecturing—e.g., to lecture is to bring the scientific objects back to their places of communication within social practice. Because we propose that to lecture is to corporeally perform relations, there are significant implications for teaching and learning science.

First, this study extends the theoretical *unit of analysis* when we think about the “more” of lectures and their role in the development of higher-order thinking. Higher-order thinking has been one of the central problems in science education. In the past, traditional research investigated knowing and learning as something exclusively occurring in the brain and therefore considered higher order thinking as mental properties. More recently, the field of research has evolved to conceive of conceptions and thinking to involve the body (embodiment literature) or in terms of culture (social constructivism, socioculturalism). The two bodies of literature have contributed to the scholarship by the embodiment literature expanding the research domain of cognition to the role of the body in shaping the mind and by the social constructivism articulating

the cultural (social) nature of knowing. Yet, there are also numerous problems with these approaches and their combinations. The division between the body and culture maintained by the two research traditions impedes with the theorization of thinking as a material, living, dynamic, and therefore ever-changing process. In this study, we show the dynamic procedure of higher-order thinking at the interface of the body and culture—i.e., in lectures the performance of the body is the body of chemistry concepts (contents). Thus, this study exemplifies a way of integrating the role of inscriptions (e.g., chemical equation) with the (inscribing) work that makes those inscriptions accountable in (classroom) communication. What is visible in lectures (e.g., scientific discourse, analogies) is always the outcome of the (generally unattended to) corporeal labor including gestures, body orientation, and prosodic features. This outcome | labor pair constitutes an appropriate unit for understanding the development of higher-order thinking as both corporeal and social (accountable) phenomenon.

Second, the extended unit of lecturing allows rethinking Vygotsky's concept of the *zone of proximal development* that has been widely adopted among educators to theorize and explain the development of higher-order thinking (e.g., Shepardson and Britsch 2006). Many researchers take words and representations to analyze the development of thinking when students interact with knowledgeable peers or teachers. This word/representation-centered approach makes it possible to focus on individual speakers and the contents of their speech, and thereby treat the interacting students and teachers as "opposing individuals" (Roth and Radford 2010). However, in doing lectures a lecturer not only talks but also addresses the audiences, which means the audience is already presupposed and constitutive part of the lecture performance. In our case examples, the chemistry teacher's body orientation, gestures, and prosody of speech have been oriented toward the students in the classroom (i.e., narrative space) all the while integrating inscriptions on the board/contents as part of the space of the lecturing work (i.e., inscription space). Thus, the chemistry teacher's body simultaneously facing students and speaking a narrative while pointing out inscriptions on the board (see line 74 in Table 3 for an example) shows her particular orientation to the audience and at the same time the accountability of/for the subject matter. She literally orients toward the accountability of subject matters by referring to what is to be taught and what is this subject matter. She renders or makes visible what is on the board, and thereby takes the accountability to her teaching of the subject matter. At the same time, this orientation is toward students' understanding if we take narrative space as orienting toward more everyday world. Therefore, the body's double orientation provides students conceptual possibilities for experiencing the relation between two independent entities—what is on the board and what is told in the narrative—in the form of social relation. The teacher's body being involved in the narrative space (i.e., the body oriented toward the audience) and simultaneously in the representational space (i.e., her arm placed far back on the board) opens the possibility to be related to the ongoing conceptual thinking (e.g., analogy). In the space of the double orientation the narrative is configured in a particular way in relation to the ongoing lecture accounts and the inscription space is configured in a particular way in relation to the narrative unfolding in mundane, everyday language—"Wei Xuan" as a particular student and "R+BY" written on the board exemplify these configurations. The teacher's body exemplifies that the zone of proximal development is generated by the performance that produces and links the narrative and inscription spaces rather than by words and representations.

Given that many colleges and universities tend to put efforts to design courses for teaching development and to support new and existing professors (e.g., Gallos et al. 2005), this study has implications for the professional development of high school teachers and university instructors

lecturing science. One of the avenues we pursue is related to Vygotsky's (1989) diction that every higher-order psychological function *is* a social relation first. If Vygotsky is correct, then (a) preservice teachers may learn to become excellent lecturers by lecturing "at the elbow" of another and (b) just talk is insufficient for the audiences, which we want to see somehow involved in the performance rather than being mere spectators. Much like a theater audience empathizes with the actors, feeling the emotions and tensions that the play is communicating, lectures need to resonate with student audiences to increase their part in the collective production of the lectures. We would then expect that students learn to perform scientific concepts and thinking much like the lecturer does.

This also raises another issue to be addressed in future research, one that is related to the audience. Rather than viewing students as empty vessels on or subjects of the receiving end, the perception of lecturing performances also requires work. What is this work required to hear and see scientific concepts in the bodily performances of the lectures? What is the work required to structure a series of sound-words so that it is heard as talk and meta-talk? What is the work required to hear and see an analogy unfolding before one's eyes? First-person methods may be interesting alternatives to the study of perceptual dimensions of knowing and learning (Roth 2012a). These methods show, for example, how even the perception of a simple line requires work: (a) the eye moving along the line to constitute its longitudinal nature and extension and (b) the eye moving back-and-forth from the line to the perceptual to constitute the presence of the line.

As for the question of what individual science teachers or lecturers can do about their practices of lecturing to make their lectures more effective, we propose that this study can play the role of a tutorial that guides peer observation or video analysis of science lectures in the same way we were guided by Garfinkel's (2002) analysis. In so doing, they come to better understand lecturing in the way a novice cook learns while using a recipe as a tutorial and watching a more expert cook prepare the meal. The effect of such a course of action would be that the novice and teacher would come to develop an understanding of the *work* required to produce a particular lecture feature. The performative features analyzed in this study constitute exemplary materials that science teachers or instructors can refer to when they engage in teacher research to investigate the procedure of presenting science contents and thinking in and about their own lectures. We propose that the following features are some of the phenomena that are worth looking at and investigating as to the intent to which they constitute foundational moments of lecturing's work: (a) rhythm and pace in communicative performances and across all communicative modalities (e.g., pitch, pitch contour, rate, volume, body position, hand/arm gesture, head movements) both within (as in lectures) and between individuals (as in classroom interactions); (b) sound and melody in communicative performances and across all communicative modalities both within and between individuals; (c) apparent arbitrary movements and sounds that seem to provoke insight and learning; (d) the interlacing of pacing, pitch, and pitch contours in speech (vocal cord movements); (e) the relation of scientific sense and the above features that require in a fundamental manner the living/lived senses; and (f) the relation of thinking and speaking within the "elementary 'cell' that cannot be further analyzed" (Vygotsky 1986, p. 212). The result of such an exercise, therefore, would be an understanding of the actual work rather than a generic description of lecture features that are good or bad.

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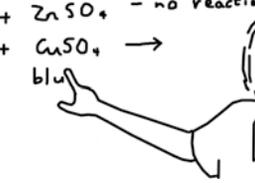
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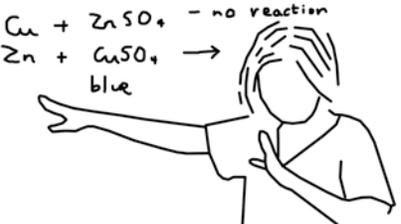
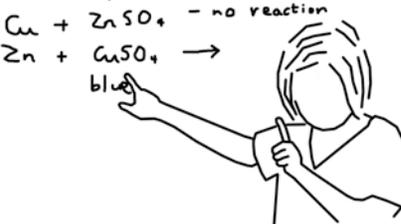
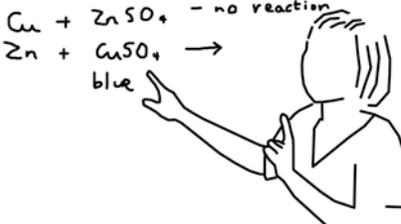
Table 1. Some possible pairings of glosses and their performative equivalents

<i>Gloss</i>	<i>Performance</i>
⟨Emphasizing⟩	Deictic gestures, changes in prosody
⟨Underlining⟩	Descriptions (verbal, iconic gestures)
⟨Making a link⟩	Drawing a chalk line, using a metaphoric gesture for a link
⟨Differentiating⟩	Beat gestures, prosody (pauses, changing rate, intensity, pitch, contour)
⟨Articulating the theory⟩	Writing inscriptions (graph curves, equations), eye gaze, body orientation, hand/arm movement (placing a chalk), gestures (iconic), prosody
⟨Framing the subject matter⟩	Writing inscriptions (reference lines, variables), eye gaze (at the inscriptions), body movement (around inscriptions), prosody
⟨Theorizing the phenomenon⟩	Gestures (iconic, deictic), writing inscriptions (marks on a graph), prosody

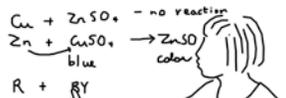
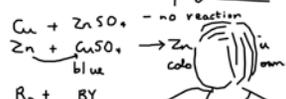
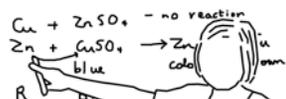
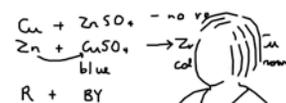
Note: Following Garfinkel (2002), ticked brackets ⟨ ⟩ are used to mark the gloss and indicate our intention to find out “the locally produced, naturally accountable lived phenomenon of order” of lecturing.

Table 2. Transcript of fragment 1

01	SO, (0.34) i say [take *ove::::r, [(*She stretches her right hand backward)]]	
02	[*repla::::ce] [(*She stretches her right hand forward)]]	
03	[*overtake;] (0.23) [(*She stretches her right hand sideways)]]	
04	[so exactly; *what] [(*She turns toward the whiteboard. She stretches her left hand toward the whiteboard)]]	
05	[is; happening now. (0.70)] [(*She walks forward and turns around toward the whiteboard)]]	
06	[*zinc] (0.10) [(*She brings her right index finger nearer the letter "Zn" on the whiteboard. She turns her face to the students)]]	
07	[is more *reactive] than [(*She raises her left hand and shakes it rhythmically up and down)]]	
08	[*copper.] (0.72) [(*She puts her right index finger under the letter "Cu")]]	
09	[so, (0.43)] [(*She raises her left hand as high as up to her shoulders. She gazes at students)]]	

<p>10 [we *say, (0.26)] <<len> zinc [((She slightly bends her head down and shakes her left hand slowly down and up))]</p>	
<p>11 [*DISplaces] copper;> [((She stretches her left index finger and shakes it down and up))]</p>	
<p>12 [from *copper two sulfate] [((She shakes her left index finger rhythmically))]</p>	
<p>13 [solution.*(0.26)] [((She keeps her index fingers up and turns to students))]</p>	
<p>14 [LOOK at the word i use. i say displace.] [((She rhythmically shakes her arms))]</p>	
<p>15 (0.85) [i cannot say, (0.35)] [((She shakes her hands down and up))]</p>	
<p>16 [take over?] (0.23)] [((She shakes her hands down and up))]</p>	
<p>17 [i cannot say replace? (0.23) i cannot] [((She folds her index fingers and keeps shaking her hands down and up))]</p>	
<p>18 [SAY overtake. (0.47)] EVEN Though. We [((She folds her index fingers and keeps shaking her hands down and up))]</p>	
<p>19 understand; disPLACE means <<all></p>	
<p>20 overtake, lah take OVER lah <<p>replace.>></p>	
<p>21 (0.74) in science language; we u:se a</p>	
<p>22 correct term.=is what? (0.55) displace;</p>	
<p>23 (0.57) <<p>class,> (0.82) so (0.32) your</p>	
<p>24 zinc, (0.54) <<len>DISPLACES copper,</p>	
<p>25 (0.57) from> copper two sulfate.</p>	

58		(0.25)
59	Ss	another class
60	T	ah okay; wei xuan come (0.34) wei xuan
61		is handsome, (0.17) all right? ah then
62		wei xuan is sma:::rt
63	S2	bising (?)
64	S3	he emo
65	T	okay? (0.37) <<all> not like you ah
66		brain nothing ah (??) wei xuan smart
67		and talk anything under the sun> very
68		good and (0.24) economics finance (??)
69	S4	=(????) teacher wei xuan wei xuan
70	T	okay handsome lah right? okay; (0.45)
71		what would happen; (0.31) so wei xuan
72		come ah? [(2.04)] *okay? (0.35) so? [[<i>(She writes R and plus sign on the left side of BY.)</i>]]
73		(0.63) exactly [<u>like *zinc</u>] now; (0.41) [[<i>(She points at Zn in the chemical equation with her right hand.)</i>]]
74		[<<len>*wei xuan,] (0.51) and [[<i>(She points at R.)</i>]]
75		[*you:::,] (0.19) are competing> with [[<i>(She points at B underneath the chemical equation with her right hand.)</i>]]
76		your girlfriend now. [[<i>(She points at Y underneath the chemical equation with her right hand.)</i>]]
77	S5	((he? ? ?? 0.78 sec))
78	T	okay; <<all> he is more handsome than
79		you right smarter than you so what
80		will happen?> wei xuan will win,
81		(0.25)
82	S6	yes
83	T	[<<len>so, now, (0.61) you are being] [[<i>(She writes an arrow and the plus</i>



84		<p>sign.))</p> <p>[*<u>rejected</u>;>]</p> <p>[((She brings her pen to the right side of the plus sign.)))]</p>	<p>$Cu + ZnSO_4$ - no reaction</p> <p>$Zn + \underset{\text{blue}}{CuSO_4} \rightarrow \underset{\text{colorless}}{ZnSO_4} + \underset{\text{brown}}{Cu}$</p> <p>$R + BY \rightarrow \quad +$</p> 
85	Ss	<p>[((inaudible 1.46 sec))]</p> <p>[((She writes B beside the plus sign.)))]</p>	
86	T	<p>[<<len>wei xuan:>] (0.90)</p> <p>[((She writes R on the left side of the plus sign.)))]</p>	
87		<p>[*<u>got your girlfriend</u>]</p> <p>[((She writes Y right beside R.)))]</p>	<p>$Cu + ZnSO_4$ - no reaction</p> <p>$Zn + \underset{\text{blue}}{CuSO_4} \rightarrow \underset{\text{colorless}}{ZnSO_4} + \underset{\text{brown}}{Cu}$</p> <p>$R + BY \rightarrow RY + B$</p> 
88	Ss	<p>((laughing, 2.05 sec))</p>	
89	T	<p>you notice how?</p>	
90	Ss	<p>((inaudible 0.82 sec))</p>	
91	T	<p>all right, <<len> so, (0.47) [*<u>exactly</u>]</p> <p>[((She brings her right hand to the right side of Cu in the chemical equation.)))]</p>	<p>$Cu + ZnSO_4$ - no reaction</p> <p>$Zn + \underset{\text{blue}}{CuSO_4} \rightarrow \underset{\text{colorless}}{ZnSO_4} + \underset{\text{brown}}{Cu}$</p> <p>$R + BY \rightarrow RY + B$</p> 
92		<p>the same thing over here.></p>	

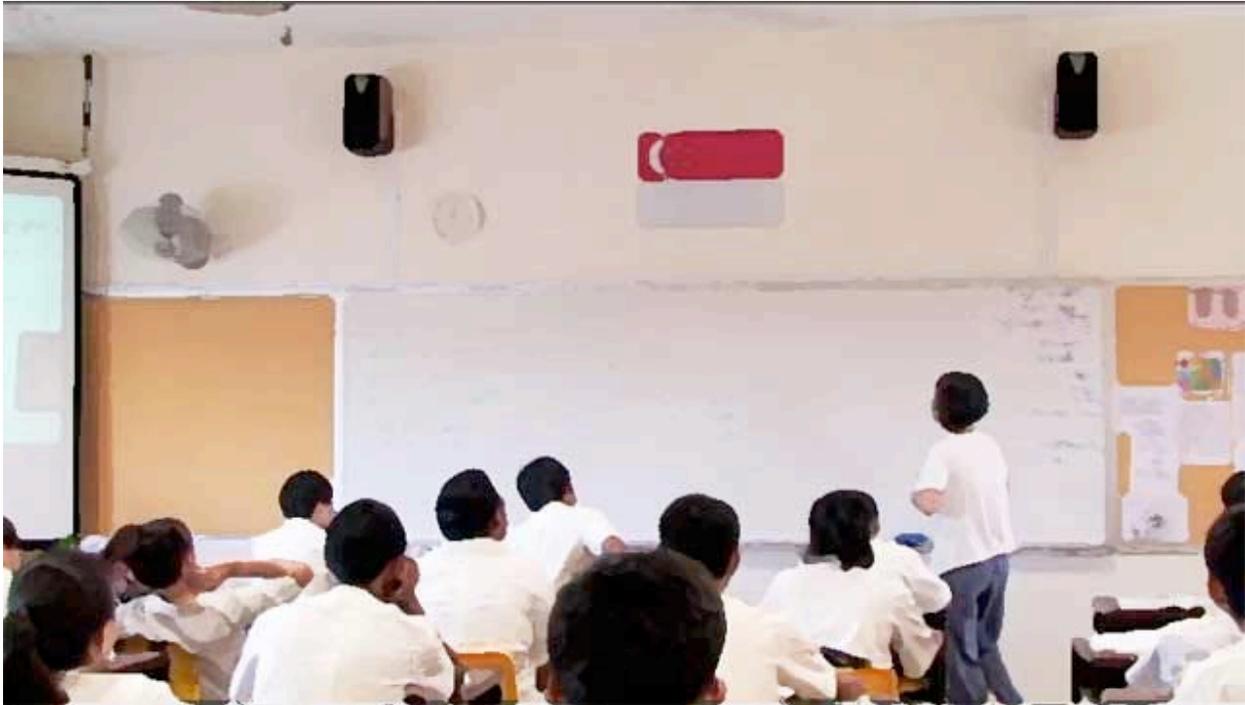


Fig 1. The camera at the back of the classroom mainly followed the chemistry teacher to video record her interaction with students.

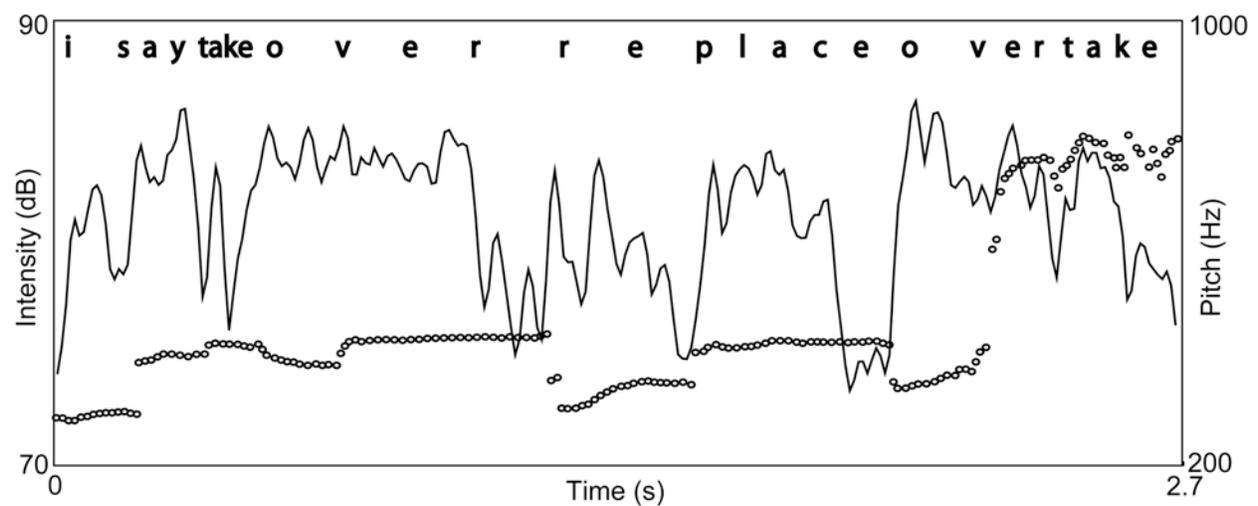


Fig 2. The original video of the case example has been exported to mov and aif formats for subsequent analyses. The speech analysis was conducted with the PRAAT software (www.praat.org). The solid line shows the speech intensity of the utterances (fragment 1, lines 01–03) by the unit of dB and the dotted line their pitch contours by the unit of Hz.

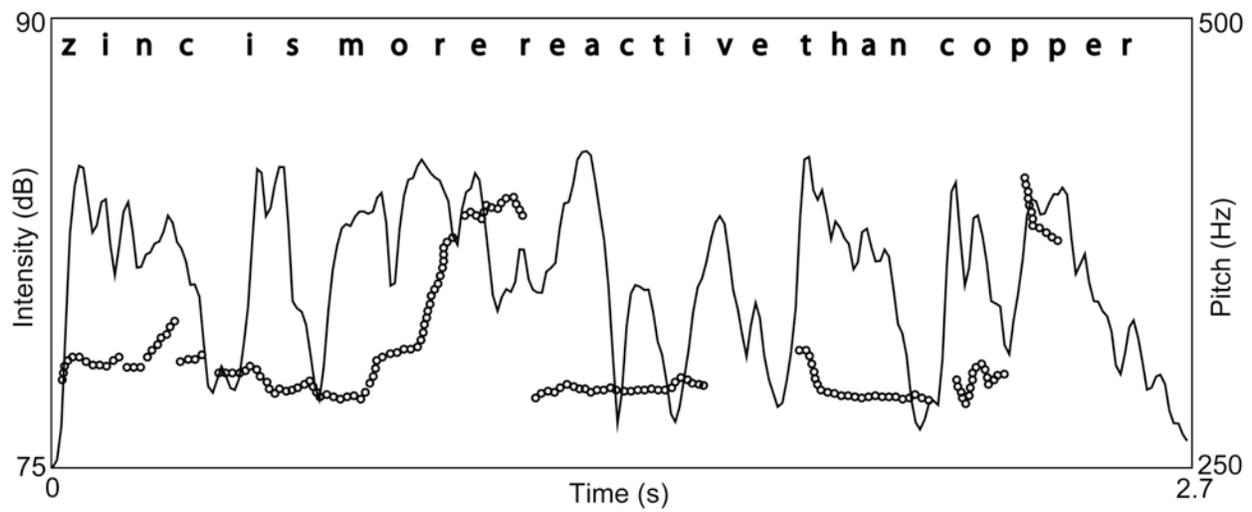


Fig 3. The solid line shows the speech intensity of the utterances (fragment 1, lines 06–08) and the dotted line their pitch contours.

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- deictic gestures
 - description of experiment (verbal, and written words e.g., “blue”)
 - notation on chalkboard
 - beat gestures
 - prosody (pauses, rate, intensity, pitch, contour)
 - talk about description talk
 - foreign language talk
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Fig 4. Multiple layers of performance

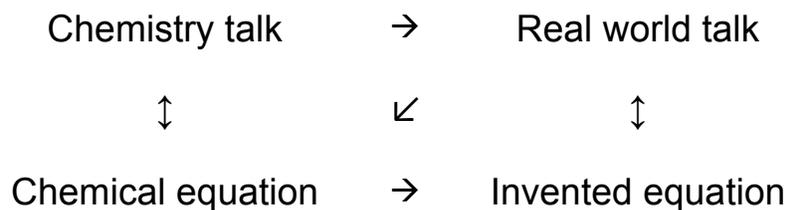


Fig 5. Four-part structure of the analogy provided in Fragment 2: two domains (source, target) of analogy are put side by side horizontally and different modalities (i.e., verbal, representations on a board) within each domain are arranged vertically. Each of three types of arrow indicates work for linking different domains and modalities to let them function as an analogy. The horizontal arrows (→) between the two domains indicate the corporeal work that is to structure the two verbal talks temporally spread over. The vertical arrows (↕) indicate the work of linking verbal talk and representation. In fragment 2, the instructor used an invented equation to bring the real world talk into the representational world. The invented equation shows its structural similarity to the chemical equation and takes simultaneous appearance with a verbal stretch of a talk. The linkage of this invented equation to the real world is made through making a diagonal linkage (↙) between the chemical equation and real world talk.

Appendix: transcription conventions

Notation	Description	Example
(0.23)	Time without talk, in seconds	overtake; (0.23) so
(??)	Question marks in parentheses indicate (approximate) number of undecipherable words	(0.39) (??) wei xuan
((stretches))	Verbs and descriptions in double parentheses are transcriber's comment	((She stretches her right hand))
::	Colons indicate lengthening of phoneme, about 1/10 of a second per colon	take ove::::r
[]	Square brackets in consecutive lines indicate overlap between words underlined and descriptions italicized	[replace] [<i>((She stretches her right hand))</i>]
<<p> >	Piano, lower than normal speech volume	<<p>replace>
SO	Capital letters indicate emphasized sounds	zinc DISplaces copper
<<all> >	Allegro, words are uttered with faster than normal speed	<<all>competition is between zinc and copper>
<<len> >	Lento, slower than normal	<<len>zinc DISplaces copper>
,?;.	Punctuation is used to mark movement of pitch (intonation) toward end of utterance, flat, slightly and strongly upward, and slightly and strongly downward, respectively	take over, is what? overtake; happening now.
=	Equal sign indicates that the phonemes of different words are not clearly separated	out of blue?=wei xuan come
*	Asterisk mark denotes an instant that corresponds to a video-offprint	so exactly; *what